

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/925,405
Filed on August 10, 2001
Of Nobuyasu KANEKAWA et al.
Entitled: HEATING DEVICE AND ENGINE DRIVE METHOD
Examiner: M. McMahon
Group: 3747

X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages: 50, plus cover page

X 2. Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 10 sheets, depicting Figures 1-15.

X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

a. — Newly executed (original or copy)

b. X Copy from prior application

i. — Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

— 5. Cancel original claims ____.

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- 6. Small entity status:
- a. — Is still proper and desired.
- b. — Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as Filed, Including Any Claims
Cancelled or Added by Preliminary Amendment

Basic Fee						\$375/750	=	\$750.00	
Total Claims	18	-	20	=	0	x	\$9/18	=	\$
Independent Claims	18	-	3	=	15	x	\$42/84	=	\$1260.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented						\$140/280	=	\$	
Total Filing Fee								\$2010.00	

- 8. Please charge the deposit account of undersigned, No. 05-1323, in the amount of \$____ (Docket #____).
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$2010.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 37 CFR § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50305C1).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/925,405, filed August 10, 2001--
- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. 2001-007243, filed in Japan on January 16, 2001, is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/925,405 on August 10, 2001.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd..
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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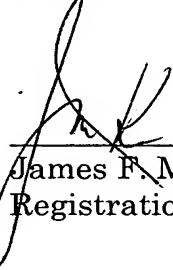
- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,



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